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SUBJECT: UGANDA SITN REPT NO. 5 AS OF 2300 GMT

FEBRUARY 27, 1977

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THREE WAS NOT TRANSMITTED BECAUSE IT WAS OVERTAKEN BY  
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WANT TO MEET AMONG THEMSELVES SO THAT THEY CAN PRESENT AN UNDERSTANDABLE MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT. HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ONCE MORE REASSURES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, AND THAT THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT IS TAKING GOOD CARE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS.

"ONE OTHER POINT THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING IS THE REQUEST OF OVER 500 JOURNALISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING, AND THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER AND COVER THE MEETING. MANY OTHER PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE MEETING TOO. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT THOUGHT IT BETTER TO HAVE THIS MEETING AT THE ENTEBBE AIRPORT WHICH HAS ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THE MEETING, HOTEL AND THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE. THERE WILL ALSO BE AWARDS OF UGANDAN HONORS TO AMERICANS. AS REGARDS THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE OVER 240 AMERICANS.

"HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT IS INVITING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND HAVE FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON THE WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONALS IN UGANDA."

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